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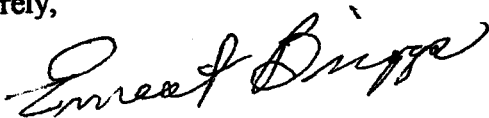
Dear Mr. Posner,

Throughout the North Bay coastal region, to help slow the effects of erosion of soil due to the heavy rains in the area, it was often recommended that old tires be placed in gullies that were subject to erosion. This practice was promoted by the conservation district as a means of reducing the flow of sediment into the coastal waterways, and preserving the existing farmland. Minimizing erosion has long been a goal of the Coastal Conservation Districts.

As the practice of using old tires for erosion control was recommended by the Soil Conservation Service and other State agencies for the reasons stated above, the sites that are now being earmarked for cleanup in the Gold Ridge District should also be placed in Category I, along with those sites in the Southern Sonoma County District.

My father was a director on the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District for a number of years. Using old tires for erosion control was a practice recommended by the conservation district during his tenure.

Sincerely,



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